L. H. J. Liber No. 48 May 7 On Reading the said Message, Ordered, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency in Answer thereto; and that Col. Tilghman, Mr. Hammond, and Mr. Matthew Tilghman, do prepare and bring in the same.

The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.^t

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

As I observe that the Word Frontier frequently occurs in the Bill, p. 446 entituled, An Act for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province, which has been Framed by you this Session, and having received the Concurrence of the Upper House, now lies for my Assent; and as it has been a Question, what Part of the Province is to be understood by that Word, I must desire you to give me your Sense of the Word, and particularly what Part of Maryland you designed by it in the following Clause of the abovementioned Bill: And be it further Enacted, That the said Five Hundred Men, or so many of them as shall be at any Time in the Pay of this Province, except such Number as may be necessary to be left at Fort Frederick, shall be employed in Ranging about the Frontier thereof, for the Quiet and Protection of the Inhabitants. Provided always, and be it Enacted, That when, upon any Emergency, his Majesty's Commander in Chief, or Person properly authorized, shall judge it expedient to march any Part of the said Five Hundred Men from the Frontier of this Province, then and in such Case, so many of the aforesaid Men shall be left at Fort Frederick, under a proper Command, as the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province. for the Time being, shall judge necessary for the more immediate Defence and Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants thereof.

7th May, 1757.

Horo. Sharpe.

On Reading the said Message, Ordered, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency in Answer thereto; and that Col. Tilghman, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Matthew Tilghman, do prepare and bring in the same.

Col. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to his Excellency; which was Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

Col. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Ingrossed Address, viz.^t

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland:

The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,

In Answer to your Message of this Day, we hope the Present which we have put into your Excellency's Hands, for the small